

Minutes of OHCA meeting 11/28/06

The meeting was called to order by President Norman MacLeod at 7:30 pm.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Minutes of the September 14 Board Meeting (attached) were presented by Ian MacKinnon, Secretary to the Board.

Pres. MacLeod summarized the situation around the Creek Drive Road, including the issues of ownership of the road and wetland problems. The contractor for the building on Creek Road claims that Anne Arundel County owns the road; however, there is no concrete evidence for his claim, and OHCA has always claimed ownership of all the community roads. The question is unresolved at this time.

A motion offered by Bob Eyester and seconded by Jo Burkholder suggested that the Board find out who owns the community's roads. In the discussion that followed, Joe Butcher said that the AAC Public Works department would have the answer. Several members said that the answer should be given to the Association in writing. Dan Craig suggested wording of the request to the County that would assert that the community owns all the local roads except Arundel on the Bay Road, and request the County's response in writing. The motion as amended was: "The community instructs the Board to clarify ownership of Oyster Harbor's roads, in writing, and the report back to the January Association meeting." The motion passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Board, Ian MacKinnon requested that Pres. MacLeod examine the feasibility and cost of building the Creek Road. An amendment offered by Eyester and seconded by Chris DeSimon amended the Board's request to say that the road's ownership must be established before any further plan could be made. The motion then passed unanimously.

Pres. MacLeod presented the Treasurer's Report, for Special Tax Treasurer, Jimmie Willson. He noted two problems to be resolved. In Willson's absences, paying contractors becomes difficult, since Jimmie's signature on checks is required. Bob Eyester then proposed, seconded by ???, that "When the Special Tax Treasurer is out of town, Robin Gilliam, our bonded Financial Secretary, be deputized to write checks in his absence, subject to the concurrence of the Association's lawyer." The motion passed unanimously.

The second problem noted by MacLeod was that some major expenditures, approved to be covered by unrestricted funds, had instead been charged to the regular budget. MacKinnon offered a resolution that the "community instruct the Treasurer to use unrestricted funds as required to cover expenditures previously approved for the purpose." The resolution passed unanimously.

At the end of the allotted meeting time, Jo Burkholder raised the question of bringing new business to the Association's meetings. She pointed out that an hour and a half rarely left time for new business to be discussed, and that many ideas and proposals never got attention from the membership because there was no time to present them. Nancy Plaxico proposed that the last 30 minutes of every meeting be devoted to new business. After discussion, this was amended to read "the last 30 minutes of every meeting be open for new business brought by committees to the meeting."